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## Banks.

NOTICE.  
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250, at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank*, is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

—For the  
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

REGISTERED OFFICE,  
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager,  
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

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Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE Annual MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held in the CIVIL HALL, on FRIDAY EVENING, the 18th Instant, at 6 o'clock, for receiving the Committee's Report and Statement of Account, elect Officers for the ensuing year, decide concerning the celebration of the forthcoming Anniversary of St. Andrew, and decide with any other business that may arise under Rule 6 of the Society.

WILLIAM AITCHISON,  
Hon. Sec., pro tem.

Hongkong, September 10, 1885. 1578

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Undersigned, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1885.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 7, 1885. 1552

GRIFFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG ARE NOW READY,  
1, DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFFITH & CO., MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON STERED WATER, 1, DUDDELL STREET, Continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE, GINGERADE, SWEET, RASPBERRYADE, &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charge.

Hongkong, June 9, 1885. 957

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the PRODUCTION of the "China SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED" can henceforth be obtained by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 2, PRAYA STREET, at the same time as that of the RETAILER, or RETAIL Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applicants forwarding their Monthly Requirements in writing, direct to the RETAILER at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1262

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS reserved for CONTRIBUTIONS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1502

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

THE Undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of His Excellency the VICEROY of CHIHLI.

RUSSELL & CO., Secretary.

Hongkong, August 11, 1885. 1373

In the Matter of the Estate of Sir HARBY SMITH PARKES, Knight Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, lately Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of China, Deceased.

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Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1529

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of Business Contributed, during the Half Year ended 20th June, 1885, or before the 30th SEPTEMBER next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 17, 1885. 1403

SAINT RAPHAEL WINE COMPANY.

A VALENTINE (DEMO).

THE Undersigned have been appointed by the SAINT RAPHAEL WINE COMPANY, AGENTS for the SALE of their WINE in Hongkong.

This Wine, Samples of which can be seen on application, has a delicious flavour and is invaluable as a tonic and restorative and possesses real strength and body.

ODESSA & CO.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

but for the use of electricity death would have ensued.

A novel combined pedestrian and equestrian match, which is becoming popular in Palmerston, evinced on the 17th August, when Mr. T. O'Connor's horse, 'The Duke,' was lucky to run matches with two pedestrians for £5 a side. The distance on both occasions was only ten yards, and the start was to be made by the report of a pistol. It was thought probable that the men could get away quickly, they would beat the horse, but the horse surprised all present by getting away at the flash of the pistol, as if it had been discharged from it, and won both matches.—*Northern Territory Times.*

Truth says:—The Maharajah of Johore has distributed a number of magnificent and very costly presents among the members of the Royal family. They are not however of any value, but articles of great value. Royalties are always among the most voracious of mankind, and German Royalties are even famous in a 'grinding' contest, and they are graciously pleased to accept anything that may be offered, if only it be of sufficient value. I am disposed to think, however, that our Royalties are guilty of very serious indiscipline in accepting the presents of an Eastern potentate, as such persons are invariably regard as gifts as *de fide* bribes, and probably the Maharajah, having only a blundering and defective knowledge of the methods of English government, looks upon his splendid offerings as 'bread cast upon the waters, to be found after many days,' so that the Prince may ultimately find themselves placed in a somewhat equivocal position, with mischievous results to our prestige in the East.

FRAGRANT WATERS MURMUR. That whisperings have been heard of great measures that are promised, or are being prepared, for next session of the local Parliament.

That a Municipal Council is believed by some to be one of the ideas simmering in the mind of the leisurely occupant of Mountain Lodge.

That the community will be thankful, and will show all becoming gratitude, for any extension granted to them of the power to check and guide expenditure.

That there are difficulties ahead in the formation of a Municipal Council here, and that more than one High Government Official will not like it when it is formed.

That sooner or later something of the kind is bound to come, and the retiring paternal Governor may possibly bequeath it to his erring children of Hongkong as an heirloom.

That in so doing the Queen's Representative will be convinced that he is returning good for evil.

That it is a pity the Father of the People is not better appreciated, but that the reason is not far to seek.

That it was not possible for the said Father to take over, and thereby 'square' the entire family of ingrates.

That the Magistracy is still reasonably believed to be wrong side up, whereas the criminal community rejoices and are glad. That the new-fangled, Goody-goody plan of dealing with offenders lately hit upon by Mr. Wodehouse in the Police Court has not been a success.

That the first of crackers, instead of singing a penitential psalm to order, gave a war whoop which somewhat unsettled the nerves of the worthy Magistrate.

That the baffled Magistrate may possibly see fit to commit the impudent cracker firer, and upon a subsequent rehearing of the case, follow his favourite precedent of discharging him.

That the regulations against firing crackers had better be left alone, if slowing the Police be the only result of interference.

That the public would like to know who takes charge of the Government Fire Brigade in the absence of the chief at the Peak.

That the Deputy Superintendent of the Fire Brigade would have enough to do in case of a fire, as he takes command of the Police in the absence of Captain Deane.

That as the Chairman of the Committee on the Police has left for Singapore, the conclusions arrived at should be made known to the public at an early date.

That the members of the Chamber of Commerce Committee are showing up as sturdy discontents, and that their independent representations all round are not relished by the Governor.

That the ruling of Mr. Justice Ackroyd in favour of appeals against certain fancy valuations of house property ought to stop all future attempts to assess imaginary values.

That the Colonial Treasurer and the Public Valuator would have been better advised had they settled the appeals out of Court. That the enterprising landlord who increased his tenant's rent from £350 to £600 per month is evidently a strong believer in 'property property.'

That the firing of the Typhoon gun yesterday to announce the arrival of the Mail was an unnecessary persistence in a matter taken out of action.

That name are as blind as those who won't see.

That our Tonton friends are having a quiet chuckle over the incapacity of British officials.

That British officials abroad are beginning to consider it farw to know too much about commercial affairs.

That the mat-creations are disappearing fast, and Fire shares are firm.

That a journey in a 'tuk-tuk' from west to east on the Queen's Road will save their doctors' bills to those who are troubled with a sluggish liver.

That the public would like to know how the dredger is progressing, as oodles are employed in removing the silt from the foreshore, and the smells are if anything less Rummelish than ever.

That an American Captain remarked the other day, 'Wall, I guess Hongkong is a decent kind of city, but for good solid old stinks, she does hold a full hand, and kilo sea creation.'

That Poddar's Wharf, or what remains of it, is still there.

That there is no reason why the Police launches should entirely monopolise the wharf at Tsim-sha-tsu.

That the riverine districts round Canton will always be unusually liable to floods until the authorities remove the obstructions in the River and permit the surplus water to escape by a natural outlet.

That the Government Astronomer seems to have intimidated the typhoons and sent them East and West.

That the snipe will have a fine time of it this season, if the rains continue, spite of the tempting delicacies offered for sporting pic-nics.

BROWNIE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, was held in the Co's Hotel this afternoon. Those present were:—

Messrs D. McCulloch (Chairman), and A. Remedios (Directors), R. K. Leigh, V. C. da Rocha, A. E. Vaucher, C. S. Taylor, H. Foss, E. Georg, J. H. Cox, E. Jones, Hughes, R. Lyall and L. H. H. (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Mr. Leigh.—Not only in my opinion. It is good enough for the Grand Hotel in London, and if it is good enough for that, it is surely good enough for Hongkong.

The Chairman.—That may be, but with the boiler and everything else, it is very valuable and there is very little spare.

Mr. Leigh.—That might have been taken into consideration. We may go on arguing on engineering points all night. The boiler is not too much for the lift. We are quite well aware that space is very valuable here; the boiler was to be put in the least valuable portion of the building, in the inner corner, and the boiler was to occupy a room 30 feet square, and the machinery a room 12 feet square.

The Chairman.—Well, as a matter of course, they have heard what Mr. Leigh has said.

The Chairman.—On account of the dis-

position of the shareholders when they choose to attend. As there are no other ques-

to be asked, I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

Mr. Vaucher seconded the motion, which was carried with one dissentient, Mr. Leigh.

On the motion of Mr. Remedios, seconded by Mr. Taylor, Mr. McCulloch was re-elected as Director.

Messrs H. J. Cox and Vaucher were, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rocha, re-elected as Auditors.

The Chairman.—That is all business before the meeting. The Dividend Warrant will be payable on Tuesday. I have to thank you for your attendance.

The meeting then dissolved.

In full, the only item in the whole of our claim which was cut out being the £942.65 for interest, an item we felt justified in claiming, seeing the unwaranted, with holding of the large sum due to us. At 7 per cent, on the sum the arbitrators did not cut out but rather confirmed by awarding us that, whenever the little was erected and by whomsoever, so long as we were willing to do it, it was to be paid to us.

As regards the suitability of the lift, I will only say that it was made by a first-rate English firm, specially designed for the Hongkong Hotel building and to accommodate the number of persons given us by the Directors. It is precisely similar in construction to a large number of lifts working in hotels and elsewhere in England, amongst which I may mention The Grand Hotel and Westminster Palace Chambers.

The fact of the arbitrators awarding us that the lift must become the property of the Hotel Company is sufficient to prove its suitability and that we did not exceed our instructions. The mistake in regard to the lift was made by the Directors, in ordering an expensive luxury like a lift at all for such a building, as it would entail a considerable monthly expense besides the first cost and our additional one to the profits of the Company.

This I think, the Directors did not say it was unsuitable. The Directors have therefore added the Company with a lift which they do not require and have spent £3,000 of the Company's money in law trying to get rid of it by throwing it on our hands.

What the Directors contended for at the arbitration was not what they state in the report before the meeting, but was that we were to take back the lift and that all our professional work was to have been done for nothing. Both these they entirely failed to substantiate and the award given in our favour in every point except the item of interest. Had the Directors paid us out just and fair claim in the first instance the Company would have been saved fully £2,000 in law expenses not one cent of which have they succeeded in getting awarded them off our claim, as the interest item would then never have existed.

To substantiate what I have said I shall be glad to show the award to any of the shareholders who may wish to see it. It is good, not only in my opinion, but with the boiler and everything else, it is very valuable and there is very little spare.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

KWANTUNG INUNDATION.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

September 11th, 1885.

Sir,—The subjoined extracts, which I make from a letter I received yesterday from a friend in Canton, tell, alas, that from the recent heavy rains the rivers have again risen and have flooded certain districts, causing increased desolation. Unless the rains quickly subside, I fear the people here are looking forward with hopeful anticipation that they will be destroyed. This would be terrible calamity indeed, and unless timely help was forthcoming, thousands would starve.

We still need money to enable us to carry on our relief work, and it is proposed to make fresh efforts to raise additional funds, and I am confident that there will be a ready and liberal response.

Yours truly,

J. B. OST.

Extracts.—It is much to be deplored that the waters are once more out over the port unless they know it was correct. With regard to the lift, I may state that we gave an order to Messrs. Hart and Leigh to give us £3,000, according to the estimate given to us by them. We never intended to exceed that estimate, as it was our idea, and I don't think our idea was wrong—that it could get a sum of £3,000 it would be suitable and useful. With regard to its suitability—Messrs. Day and Son bought the article, and they were also the architects—we have got two independent reports, one from Mr. Hancock, late of the Government employ, and another from Messrs. Jameson and Croker, well-known practical engineers in this place, and they both substantiate what is in the Report. Mr. Taylor, if you have anything to say, you will have very few bad debts. That is all I have got to say. If you have got any questions to ask, I shall be happy to answer them.

Mr. Taylor.—My Chairman, I am glad to see that the credit of this Company is good, since it is in a position to borrow £37,000, but otherwise, I think the accounts show a deplorable state of things. You have got £300 in cash in hand, and you propose to pay £10,000 in dividends. Now you can only do that by borrowing another £10,000, and that makes your debt £37,000. You have owing to you on the 30th June, £17,000. Supposing that money to be collected, you will still owe £30,000. I don't think that the worst of it. On the extension and alterations of the building, the new wing has been somewhat delayed on account of the weather, but as soon as it is finished it will, no doubt, prove to be a most comfortable and useful building. With regard to the past half year, I think you must consider the result fairly satisfactory. The next half year promises to be better, and there is no doubt that there is a large and profitable business in the future for this place. With regard to the arbitration, as I have got to say, if you have got any questions to ask, I shall be happy to answer them.

Mr. Taylor.—I refer to the incompetency of the architects. I will tell you what I myself saw. I was not on the direction at that time, but I was engaged in the Hotel, working with the approval of the Directors. One day, I came into the office and was going round, when I dropped into the further room there (pointing to the S. W. corner of the building), the span of which is greater than that of this room. They were then putting in the roof unless they know it was correct. With regard to the lift, I may state that we gave an order to Messrs. Hart and Leigh to give us £3,000, according to the estimate given to us by them. We never intended to exceed that estimate, as it was our idea, and I don't think our idea was wrong—that it could get a sum of £3,000 it would be suitable and useful. With regard to its suitability—Messrs. Day and Son bought the article, and they were also the architects—we have got two independent reports, one from Mr. Hancock, late of the Government employ, and another from Messrs. Jameson and Croker, well-known practical engineers in this place, and they both substantiate what is in the Report. Mr. Taylor, if you have anything to say, you will have very few bad debts. That is all I have got to say. If you have got any questions to ask, I shall be happy to answer them.

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